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Dear Brother Phelps

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Yours of the 8th came to hand only a day or two since. I am glad to see your copy-hand writing once more. I send you copies of all the Reporters I have. Am obliged to omit Nos 1 & 3 of Vol. II. There are none on hand.

I sincerely hope that you, Brother Colver & Leavitt will go to London. The abolitionists here are few in number & poor in purse. David Leavitt, ex Pres. of the Brooklyn Anti S. Soc. and John Rankin (!!) are both work I suppose 200 in dlls. each, & do not give a cent to the cause that I can learn.

Neither the Evangelist nor Mr Pratt have paid me anything. The paper is distressed for want of money, & Mr P. to whom I have spoken several times, says he is very poor, &c., but will pay when he can.

Do you not much like Judge Jay's address to non-Slaveholders, in the last Reporter?-

I sent the letter to Bradford Mo.

You have done right in withdrawing your sense of your labors. I know what over exertion &c. Anti-Slavery & other matters - all resting upon me at once - have come near killing me once or twice. Eight hours work a day is enough, be it physical or intellectual, & probably by restricting one's self to that more good could be done in a year than by greater daily labor.

Very truly yours,

Lewis Tappan